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State hosts 11th annual Commonwealth Cleanup Week *Kentuckians can "spring clean" their communities*

FRANKFORT, KY. (March 6, 2009) - The Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division of Waste Management is conducting the 11th annual Commonwealth Cleanup Week March 22-28.

In 2008, more than 5,151 people participated in the event, picking up 14,860 bags of trash along 1,846 miles of roadway, and cleaning up 26 dumps statewide. The volunteer participants also collected and properly recycled 337 appliances and 3,956 tires.

"Commonwealth Cleanup Week has been so successful these past 11 years because so many people have volunteered their time and effort to help make Kentucky more beautiful by cleaning up trash and debris. We hope to see those efforts continue this year," said Tony Hatton, director of the Division of Waste Management.

This year, cleanups are again planned around the state. Nonprofit groups that register with their county solid waste coordinator and complete a cleanup project are eligible to win one of three \$200 cash prizes in a random drawing. Additional information is available online at <http://www.waste.ky.gov/ccw/>.

Commonwealth Cleanup Week will be conducted in partnership with the Transportation Cabinet's Adopt-a-Highway Program cleanup, March 25-31, and Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, spanning from March-May.

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Commonwealth Cleanup Week was created in 1998 when the Kentucky General Assembly designated the fourth week in March as an opportunity for Kentuckians to participate in "activities that highlight the natural beauty of their communities."